

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title, please add the following paragraph:

This application a divisional application of S/N 09/742,690 filed December 20, 2000.

Please add the following new paragraph at page 3, after line 5:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows the gene SEQ ID. No. 1 (sequence 1-558) and the produced protein as further described in Example 4.

Figures 2, 3 and 4 illustrate results obtained from Examples 5 and 6 described in greater detail hereinbelow.